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Mr. Cedric Black Eagle, Chairman Crow Tribal Council P.O. Box 159 Crow Agency MT 59022

Dear Chairman Black Eagle

I am writing this letter to keep you up to date on the ongoing Powder River Training Complex (PRTC) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. As directed by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and 36 CFR Part 800, Protection of Historic Properties, we have documented the concerns submitted and worked to address them in the EIS. Although we plan on a regular and ongoing relationship with the Crow Nation, I wanted to let you know that I will be sending an update to my superiors in March of this year. I intend this to serve as a final update prior to publication of the EIS.

I would like to thank the Crow Nation for the support shown thus far in this process and ask if the council has any further concerns that I can include in my last update, thereby ensuring they are incorporated in the Final EIS.

Please contact me directly at 605-385-2801 or via e-mail at 28bw.cc@ellsworth.af.mil, or feel free to have your representative contact my tribal liaison, Mr. George Stone at 605-385-1260, george.stone@ellsworth.af.mil.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

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